

until he attained the position of Battalion Chief in 1976. While working for the Roseland Fire Department, he joined the reserve ranks of the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department. He resigned from the Fire Department in 1976 when he joined the active ranks of the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Piccinini again advanced through the ranks, holding every position in the Department, and was appointed Assistant Sheriff and Acting Sheriff in 1997. Sheriff Piccinini stood for election in 1998 and took office as Sheriff in 1998.

During his tenure, Sheriff Piccinini was responsible for creating the Administrative Fiscal Unit, the Volunteers in Policing Program, and the Peer Support Program. He was also instrumental in developing and implementing the Mentally Ill Offender Program, the countywide Narcotics Task Force, and the Sonoma County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy Program.

He implemented the highly successful Citizen's Academy and oversaw all twelve classes, negotiated the purchase of property for the Sonoma Valley Substation and established the Department's firing range.

Because of his outstanding career in law enforcement and his unparalleled level of leadership and achievement, he was awarded the Sonoma County Sheriffs Department Distinguished Service Award in 2002.

Mr. Speaker, Sheriff Piccinini is a public servant of remarkable talent and commitment and it is therefore appropriate for us to honor him today and to wish him well in his retirement.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JUAN "SHANE" SANCHEZ

#### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2002*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Captain Juan "Shane" Sanchez of Cortez, Colorado for the outstanding service he has given to the United States Air Force and to our nation. Captain Sanchez is a Fuels Officer for the 49th Supply Squadron and has recently been selected as the 2001 Fuels Officer of the Year. As he receives this recognition, I would like to pay tribute to the tremendous service and leadership he has given to our nation's military.

The award and recognition that Captain Sanchez received for his service is quite an accomplishment. Captain Sanchez leads a 90 member flight squad that receives, stores, and issues fuel while ensuring the quality meets certain standards. Plane refueling is an instrumental part of any operation without which no mission could be completed.

Captain Sanchez has recently overseen over 20 fuel system upgrades that have modernized fuel systems from the 1940s and 1950s to support the new demands of the 21st century. It is widely known throughout the Air Combat Command that it was Captain Sanchez's leadership that made the Command's third largest fuels account so efficient. Today, Captain Sanchez is on a temporary duty assignment in the Middle East as a Fuel Officer and a Supply Squadron Commander.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize Captain Juan "Shane" Sanchez

before this body of Congress and this nation for his outstanding service and leadership in the United States Air Force. Without the knowledge, skill and expertise of men and women like Captain Sanchez fulfilling their obligations each and every-day, our nation's military could not be the world class fighting force that it is. Thanks for all your efforts Captain Sanchez and keep up the hard work.

#### IN HONOR OF COLLINWOOD HIGH AND COMPUTECH MIDDLE SCHOOLS

#### HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2002*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the Collinwood High and CompuTech Middle Schools in Cleveland, Ohio for affording me the opportunity to visit with young students during my Third Annual Back-to-School Tour on Monday September 23rd and Monday, September 30th of 2002. I would like to offer special thanks to Cleveland Schools Municipal District CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett, Superintendent Kathy Freilino and Principal Charita Crockrom for their leadership and kind hospitality. The tour was an educational experience for all who were in attendance.

Collinwood High and CompuTech Middle Schools have set forth major academic goals for the year, which includes improving the passage rate of the Ohio 9th Grade Proficiency Test by 5 percent; improving literacy skills performance across all grade levels and increasing computer technology; increasing the number of students graduating and successfully moving into higher education, apprenticeships, technical training and employment; and promoting music technology in middle school classes. Recent accomplishments from last year include major construction of roof and building renovation; building new parking lot; Saturday tutoring program for all students who needed to pass the Ohio Proficiency Test; and a staff/faculty retreat.

I commend the Collinwood High and CompuTech Middle Schools for their commitment to education and will continue to fight for increased funding to improve the quality of public education for all students.

#### A TRIBUTE TO MS. DORIS ROBINSON

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2002*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ms. Doris Robinson, who was born on October 29, 1901, in recognition of her 101st birthday celebration.

Doris Robinson migrated to New York in the 1920's. In 1925, she earned a bachelor's degree in Social Work from Howard University in Washington, DC. Mrs. Robinson was a teacher in the New York City public school system for several years. She also earned a Master's in Social Work from Fordham University.

Doris Robinson has traveled extensively to China and Uganda, as well as the Caribbean

islands. Through her travels she has been able to share her experiences with her family and community. She is very devoted to her family and has been an inspiration to all those around her.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Doris Robinson, who now resides at the Marcus Garvey Nursing Home, has devoted her life to serving her family and community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving recognition today.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE CAMELLIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

#### HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2002*

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the award-winning Camellia Symphony Orchestra as it begins its 40th season in Sacramento, California. For four decades, this organization has been a crucial part of cultural life in California's capital city.

One of the nation's outstanding community orchestras, the Camellia Symphony Orchestra is comprised of a wealth of dedicated musicians from the greater Sacramento area. The Orchestra was established to provide an opportunity for Sacramento area musicians to express their many talents and musical interests. The musicians all share a common commitment to the mission of the Orchestra—to present concerts and programs of high artistic merit, and to foster community involvement through education and outreach activities.

The Orchestra provides opportunities for people of all ages to learn about, participate in, and attend events that enrich the quality of life. Their creative programs expose children to new forms of music in a joyful manner that encourages the learning process.

Under the leadership of Conductor Eugene F. Castillo, the Orchestra has challenged audiences to explore the connections between music and society, as well as art and everyday life. The Orchestra often premieres new compositions, or presents traditional pieces in a different way, symbolizing the diversity of the community.

This past summer, the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts here in Washington recognized Maestro Castillo as one of the most promising young conductors in America when he was selected for the highly competitive National Conducting Institute. The Washington Post described his Kennedy Center performance as having "a beautifully gauged climactic build . . . [which Castillo] drove to the finale in an ecstatic white heat."

The citizens of Washington last summer caught a glimpse of what we in Sacramento have come to value for both his leadership and creative talent. Maestro Castillo is the first Filipino-American to be appointed music director in a major American metropolitan city. Castillo is—in his own words—"a servant to music and a servant to the community." He has been a tireless advocate for youth music education and a staunch promoter of the orchestra's role in public life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting Maestro Castillo and the Camellia Symphony Orchestra for outstanding contributions to the Sacramento community